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1. IN CONVERSATION JULY 26 WITH AMBASSADOR, MARK CHONA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA, CONFIRMED JULY 23-25 VISIT TO LUSAKA OF JORGE JARDIM AT INVITATION OF GRZ OSTENSIBLY TO DISCUSS ZAMBIA'S TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS. SAID ZAMBIANS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF VISIT TO SOUND HIM OUT ON POLITICAL SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE.

2. CHONA EXPLAINED THAT CONVERSATIONS ON USE OF NACALA PORT IN NO RPT NO WAY REFLECTED ZAMBIAN DISSATISFACTION WITH PORT OF DAR OR ROEEE#THERETO.

3. CHONA SAID JARDIM MET WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT AARON MILNER. JARDIM IMPRESSED ZAMBIANS AS "VERY POWERFUL PERSON."

4. CHONA EXPLAINED THAT ZAMBIA HAD NO RPT NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MOZAMBIQUE. RATHER SAW

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ITS ROLE AS STANDING READY TO OFFER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE MIGHT

BE NECESSARY. CHONA DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL ON THE NATURE OF THE EXCHANGE WITH JARDIM, SAYING ONLY THAT AS IT WAS A FIRST ENCOUNTER, THE ZAMBIANS LIMITED THEMSELVES TO LISTENING.

5. CHONA ELABORATED ON RELATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE AND ZAMBIAN INTEREST IN MOZAMBIQUE AS FOLLOWS. FEELS HIS DISCREET CONTACTS WITH PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVES IN OTTAWA, LONDON AND LISBON AND NATURAL COURSE OF EVENTS IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES ARE LEADING TO CHANGE OF POSTURE. THERE IS PUBLIC RESTRAINT BY BOTH GOP AND GRZ WHERE BEFORE THERE WAS OPEN CRITICISM. IN ZAMBIAN EYES, PRESENT PORTUGUESE POSITION IS NOT YET POSITIVE WITH RESPECT TO SELF-GOVERNMENT BY MAJORITY BUT IT IS MOVING FROM A NEGATIVE POSTURE, WHICH HAD ONCE STRONGLY COINCIDED WITH SITUATION IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, TO A MORE NEUTRAL STANCE WHICH HOLDS PROMISE FOR FUTURE. RESULTS SO FAR OF CAETANO REFORMS ARE NOT IMPRESSIVE NOR DO THEY GO FAR ENOUGH. AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE MOZAMBIQUE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS HARDLY REPRESENTATIVE AND PORTUGUESE COMING TO RECOGNIZE THIS. CHONA BELIEVES A SECOND ROUND OF REFORMS NEEDED AND PERHAPS A BRITISH STYLE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE.

6. THERE WAS NO INDICATION BY CHONA THAT FRELIMO, ITS ACTIVITIES, OR PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S OPINION ON IT WERE SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION WITH JARDIM. CHONA DID SAY FRELIMO COULD EVENTUALLY PLAY A ROLE IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. HE SUGGESTED GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND DEFENSE AS TWO SUITABLE AGENDA ITEMS. WERE PORTUGUESE TO BALK ON DEFENSE BY RAISING QUESTION OF CHINESE SUPPLIES, CHONA FELT FRELIMO PREPARED TO BE CONCILIATORY IN NEGOTIATION.

7. CHONA WAS AT PAINS TO EXPLAIN THAT ZAMBIANS DO NOT RPT NOT FEEL THAT CHOICE MUST BE MADE BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE AFRICA; NOR WAS ZAMBIA ADVOCATING MISCEGENATION, ALTHOUGH IT COULD COME NATURALLY IN TIME. IT WAS NOT SOMETHING TO BE FEARED OR ALIEN TO PORTUGUESE (E.G., BRAZIL). CHONA RE-EMPHASIZED THAT PORTUGUESE HAD VERY LITTLE TO LOSE AND SOMETHING TO GAIN FROM GRANTING INDEPENDENCE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER AS IT WAS BOUND TO COME. SAID ZAMBIANS WORKED HARD AT DRIVING THIS POINT HOME TO JARDIM. CHONA WAS STRONGLY CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT IDI AMIN OF UGANDA, SAYING HE WAS ACCIDENTALLY IN AFRICA BUT NOT NECESSARILY

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REPRESENTATIVE OF IT, ANOTHER POINT WHICH PRESUMABLY ZAMBIANS MADE TO JARDIM IN TRYING TO IMPRESS HIM WITH THEIR NON-RACIAL STANCE.

8. IN CLOSING CHONA TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON SITUATION IN ANGOLA AND WRYLY WONDERED IF THERE WAS A JARDIM-TYPE THERE. WILKOWSKI

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